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APPLICANT: Rothschild, Max F., et al.
SERIAL NO: 09/380,419
FILED: July 24, 2000
TITLE: MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR GENE AND USE AS A
GENETIC MARKER FOR FAT CONTENT, WEIGHT GAIN,
AND/OR FEED CONSUMPTION OF ANIMALS

GROUP ART NO: 1634
EXAMINER: Einsmann, J.
CONF. NO.: 2593
DOCKET NO: P03815US1

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for two months from March 29, 2002 to May 29, 2002.

A request for one month extension of time (from February 28, 2002 to March 29, 2002) was requested March 27, 2002. A check for \$810.00 for third month minus first month

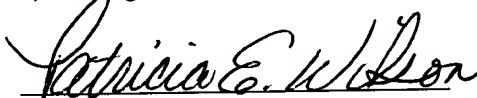
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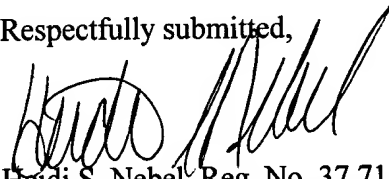
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